



ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

AND THE

CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

TO THE

SEATON VALLEY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

FOR THE

YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 1967.

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1967

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From 6th October 1967 - Social Services Committee

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To the Chairman and Members of the Seaton Valley Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my Annual Report on the public health and sanitary conditions of the district during the year ended 31st December, 1967.

The main feature of the district during the year has been the change in the appearance of the area following the close down of the collieries. Demolition of the old colliery terraces has been proceeded with and the tenants re-housed in new Council property. In addition, new factories have been built and new industries have moved into the area.

The population has risen once again during the year to a total of 28,410 (from 27,730 in the preceding year). This increase in population is expected to accelerate with the development of Cramlington New Town. There was a slight increase in the number of births which totalled 444 (439 in the year preceding). The infantile mortality remained about the same and the vital statistics were about the same as the national average.

The main cause of death was cardio-vascular disease, coronary thrombosis accounting for 85 deaths - 40 of these being in females. The proportion of female deaths from this disease is higher than in previous years. Vascular disease of the nervous system (strokes) caused 50 deaths, which is a significant increase on last year when only 30 deaths occurred from this cause. Cancer was the second commonest cause of death and the number of deaths from lung cancer rose from 9 to 16, 12 of these being males and 4 females. In the preceding year all the deaths were in males. I would repeat my previous warnings that there is a definite association between cancer of the lung and excessive cigarette smoking, and it may be that the popularity of cigarette smoking among females over the past few years is now beginning to affect the statistics. There were no maternal deaths in association with childbirth, and only one death from tuberculosis, this being in a person over the age of 65.

The drop in the number of notifications of infectious disease continues, and in the present year only 147 were notified compared with 229 in the year previously. Most of the diseases notified were measles (130) and it is anticipated that these numbers will decline as the measles vaccination campaign is proceeded with in the next few years. There were no cases of any of the severe infectious diseases such as typhoid, paratyphoid, smallpox, poliomyelitis or diphtheria. Immunisation against poliomyelitis, diphtheria, whooping cough and tetanus continues to be given at the Child Welfare Clinics and it is important that mothers see that their children are immunised to prevent the recurrence of any of these illnesses in the community.

The Public Health Inspectors have again spent much time during the year in housing inspections and surveys in an endeavour to get rid of the remaining sub-standard properties in the area, and slum clearance work has continued. I am pleased to report that more consideration is now being given to the special housing needs of physically handicapped persons. For several years the Council's Architect, in co-operation with the Handicapped Persons Section of the County Council, has carried out special modifications to houses for the benefit of the handicapped. These adaptations included the provision of ramps for wheel-chairs and the installation of downstairs toilets as well as adaptations to bathrooms and kitchens. The Council have now decided to go ahead with a scheme for building special bungalows incorporating all necessary modifications for paraplegic and other physically handicapped people. These houses will be built in various parts of the district and I feel sure will enable many handicapped people to lead a fuller life. The Voluntary Committee for Physically Handicapped Persons, which was formed two years ago, has expanded considerably and is now doing extremely good work in arranging club nights and outings for people confined to wheel-chairs who previously had very little opportunity for social enjoyment.

In conclusion I would like to express my thanks to the Council and the Health Committee for their interest and support in all measures aimed at improving the public health of the community, and I would also like to thank the Chief Public Health Inspector and the staff of the Health Department for their loyal co-operation during the year.

Your obedient servant,

ARTHUR WILLIAM HAY, M.B., B.S., D.P.H.,

Medical Officer of Health

Infectious Diseases:

The total number of infectious diseases notified during 1967 was 147 as compared with 229 during 1966.

Scarlet Fever:

2 cases were notified during the year as against 5 in 1966.

Diphtheria:

An absence of Diphtheria in the district was recorded for the nineteenth year in succession.

Measles:

There was a substantial decrease in the number of cases notified. 130 cases were notified as against 180 in 1966.

Whooping Cough:

One case was notified for the year as against Nil in 1966.

Births:

The birth rate is slightly lower than in 1966.

Deaths:

The death rate is slightly higher than in 1966.

Water Supply:

The district was supplied throughout the year with good and wholesome water at sufficient pressure to meet all needs (See Section C).

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population mid-year was

males and 234 females

	<u>Total</u>	
	421	
	<u>23</u>	
	<u>444</u>	(435)

ley area, as shown in distric

Illegitimate		TOTAL
Males	Females	
-	-	13
-	-	15
1	-	4
-	-	9
1	-	41

re registered in other districts
ate.

resident population is
15 63 (15.69 in 1966)

• 1.04) is 16.26

52 (33.33 in 1966)

<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>	
3	10	
<u>3</u>	<u>10</u>	(9)

22 52 (20 68)

22 32 (20 69)

23 75 (19.28)

NIL (50 00)

Neo-Natal Mortality Rate:

(Deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 live births): 20.27 (18.39)

Deaths of Infants under 4 weeks of age:

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate:	6	3	9
Illegitimate:	-	-	-
	<u>6</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>9</u> (8)

Early Neo-Natal Mortality Rate:

Deaths under 1 week per 1,000 total live births: 18.01 (16.09)

Deaths of infants under 1 week of age:

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate:	6	2	8
Illegitimate:	-	-	-
	<u>6</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>8</u> (7)

Perinatal Mortality Rate:

(Stillbirths & Deaths under 1 week combined per 1,000 total live and still births): 33.26 (44.44)

Maternal Deaths (including abortion): NIL

Rate per 1,000 live and still births: NIL

Deaths:

<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>	
195	168	363	(316 in 1966)

Distribution of Deaths in Districts

District	Males	Females	Total
Cramlington:	62	45	107
Seaton Delaval:	61	51	112
Seghill:	14	17	31
Earsdon:	58	55	113
	195	168	363

Death Rate:

The death rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population is 12.78 (11.40)

Corrected Death Rate:

The corrected death rate (comparability factor 1.08) is 13.80

Deaths from Cancer (all ages)	- 58 (58)
Deaths from Measles (all ages)	- 0 (0)
Deaths from Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	- 0 (0)
Deaths from Whooping Cough	- 0 (0)

CAUSES OF DEATH AT DIFFERENT PERIODS OF LIFE DURING 1967.

Cause of Death	Sex	Total All Ages	Under 4 weeks	4 weeks and under 1 year	AGE						YEARS				
					1-	5-	15-	25-	35-	45-	55-	65-	75 & Over		
1. Tuberculosis Respiratory	M F	1 -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	1 -	- -		
10. Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	M F	7 2	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	5 1	1 -		
11. Malignant Neoplasm, Lung Bronchus	M F	12 4	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	4 1	2 -	6 1	- 2		
12. Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	M F	- 1	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	1 1	- -	- -	- -	- -		
13. Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus	F	6	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	2	1		
14. Other Malignant and Lymphatic Neoplasms	M F	11 15	- -	- -	- -	- -	1 -	- -	- -	2 3	3 5	3 5	2 2		
15. Leukaemia, Aleukaemia	M F	1 -	- -	- -	- -	1 -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -		
16. Diabetes	M F	1 3	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- 1	1 2		
17. Vascular Lesions of Nervous System	M F	28 22	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	1 -	1 -	1 1	6 4	10 5	10 12		
18. Coronary Disease, Angina	M F	45 40	- -	- -	- -	- -	1 -	1 1	1 1	2 4	14 7	17 16	10 12		
19. Hypertension with Heart Disease	M F	1 4	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	1 3	- 1		
20. Other Heart Disease	M F	29 29	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- 2	- 2	- 4	1 1	13 4	15 18		
21. Other Circulatory Disease	M F	5 8	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	1 -	- -	- -	2 2	- 4	2 2		
23. Pneumonia	M F	9 8	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- 1	3 3	5 4		
24. Bronchitis	M F	20 7	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- 1	6 -	7 2	7 4		
25. Other Diseases of Respiratory System	M F	2 -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	2 -	- -		
26. Ulcer of Stomach and Duodenum	M F	1 -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	1 -		

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Cause of Death	Sex	Total all ages	Under 4 weeks	4 weeks and under 1 year	AGE IN YEARS									
					1-	5-	15-	25-	35-	45-	55-	65-	75 & over	
27, Gastritis, Enteritis and Diarrhoea	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
28. Nephritis and Nephrosis	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
29. Hyperplasia of Prostate	M	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
31. Congenital Malformations	M	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
32. Other Defined and Ill-Defined Diseases	M	11	3	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	2
	F	14	3	-	-	1	-	-	1	1	-	1	1	7
33. Motor Vehicle Accidents	M	2	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
34. All Other Accidents	M	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	1
	F	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
TOTAL ALL CAUSES:	M	195	6	1	1	4	5	10	38	70	59			
	F	168	3	-	2	-	6	15	24	48	70			

SECTION B

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA:

Laboratory Facilities:

Use was made of the Public Health Laboratory at Newcastle General Hospital.

The following examinations were made in the Laboratory in 1967.

<u>Examination Requested:</u>	<u>No. of Specimens</u>	<u>Positive</u>	<u>Negative</u>
B. Tuberculosis Sputum	-	-	-
Faeces Sh. Sonne	31	3	28
Salmonella Typhimurium	10	4	6
Typhoid	-	-	-
	<u>41</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>34</u>

Ambulance Services:

These are under the jurisdiction of the Northumberland County Council. There is an Ambulance Depot of the County Council in Seaton Delaval, which houses four modern ambulance vehicles and there is a 24 hour service.

Nursing in the Home:

This is dealt with by the Northumberland County Council.

Hospitals:

Infectious disease cases are now dealt with at Moor Park Hospital, Tynemouth or Walkergate Hospitals, Newcastle upon Tyne. General medical and surgical cases are dealt with at hospitals administered by the Newcastle Regional Hospital Board. Scaffold Hill Hospital at Forest Hall is entirely devoted to geriatrics.

SECTION C

Sanitary Conditions of the Area

Water Supply:

Water distributed throughout the area by the Newcastle & Gateshead Water Company was sampled and found to be of satisfactory purity.

Drainage and Sewerage:

The first stage of the Cramlington Water Pollution Control Works is now in operation and satisfactory effluents have been reported on the first samplings by the River Authority.

The North East Contour Sewer, which is under construction, is expected to be completed by the end of this year when the flows to the new works from the Cramlington New Town Area will be greatly increased.

A new main sewer to serve the Backworth Area to replace the existing inadequate sewer is to be constructed early next year from Backworth to Fenwicks Close Farm.

Rivers and Streams:

Closet Accommodation)	
Public Cleansing)	
Sanitary Inspections of the District)	These items are dealt with in the Chief Public Health Inspector's report
Shops and Offices)	
Camping Sites)	
Smoke Abatement)	
Swimming Baths and Pools)	
Eradication of Bed Bugs)	

Schools:

The sanitary conditions and the water supply of all schools in the Area have been satisfactory

relating to Housing and inspection and supervision of Food are dealt with in the Chief Public Health Inspector's report.

SECTION F

PREVALENCE OF, CONTROL OVER, INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES

Scarlet Fever:

2 (5) cases of Scarlet Fever were notified. All cases were isolated at home.

Distribution in districts was:

Cramlington:	-	(3)	case(s)
Seaton Delaval:	1	(1)	"
Seghill:	-	(-)	"
Earsdon:	<u>1</u>	<u>(1)</u>	"
	<u>2</u>	<u>(5)</u>	

Incidence of Scarlet Fever per 1,000 of the population was 0.07 (0.18)

Diphtheria:

The district was free of Diphtheria during the year.

Pneumonia:

0 (3) cases of Pneumonia were notified.

Deaths - 17 (18)

Death rate per 1,000 of the population was 0.60 (0.65).

Erysipelas:

0 (0) cases of Erysipelas were notified during the year.

Notifiable diseases (excluding Tuberculosis) during 1967

Disease	Cases Notified	Cases admitted to Hospital	Total Deaths
Measles	130	-	-
Dysentery	10	-	-
Whooping Cough	1	-	-
Scarlet Fever	2	-	-

Analysis of Total Notified Cases under Age Groups

Disease	Age Unknown	Under 1	1	2	3	4	5	10	15	20	35	45	65 & Over
Measles	-	12	11	23	17	19	23	20	4	1	-	-	-
Dysentery	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	6	2	-
Whooping Cough	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-

Prevention of Blindness:

No case of Ophthalmia Neonatorum was notified during the year.

Tuberculosis:

At the beginning of the year 142 (138) cases were on the register, 114 Pulmonary and 28 Non-Pulmonary, 4 new cases, 3 Pulmonary and 1 Non-Pulmonary, were notified during the year.

4 cases of Pulmonary Tuberculosis and 1 of Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis were transferred from other districts.

6 cases of Pulmonary Tuberculosis were removed from the register during the year as having recovered, 2 cases of Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis were notified as "arrested", one case of Pulmonary Tuberculosis was removed from the register as "Death" from T.B. and one case of Pulmonary Tuberculosis as Death other than T.B.

At the 31st December 1967, 141 cases - 113 Pulmonary and 28 Non-Pulmonary, were on the register distributed as follows:-

District	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	Male	Female	Male	Female
Cramlington:	15	20	1	10
Seaton Delaval:	16	14	5	4
Seghill:	5	4	-	2
Earsdon:	20	19	3	3
	56	57	9	19

New cases and Mortality during 1967

Age Periods	New Cases		Deaths	
	Respiratory	Non-Respiratory	Respiratory	Non-Respiratory
Age Unknown	-	-	-	-
Under 1	-	-	-	-
1-	-	-	-	-
5-	1	-	-	-
15-	1	-	-	-
25-	-	-	-	-
35-	-	1	-	-
45-	1	-	-	-
55-	-	-	-	-
65 & Over	-	-	1	-
	3	1	1	-

One death from Pulmonary Tuberculosis was registered during the year.

Death rate from Tuberculosis (all forms) 7.04 (NIL) per 1,000 cases on the register at the 31st December 1967.

Death rate per 1,000 population was 0.04 (0.04)

Notification of Tuberculosis:

No action was necessary to enforce notification.

Tuberculosis, B.C.G. Vaccination:

The number of school children B.C.G. Vaccinated by the School Medical Officers during 1967 is 243.

Venereal Diseases:

Propaganda has been conducted on the lines suggested by the Ministry of Health and Central Council for Health Education.

No case had applied to the Department for advice.

National Assistance Act 1948 Sec. 47:

No action under the above was necessary during the year.

Incidence of Infectious Diseases Notified excluding Tuberculosis

Years 1958 - 1967

	1958	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967
Scarlet Fever	5	12	8	3	3	6	6	2	5	2
Diphtheria	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Erysipelas	-	2	4	-	1	1	-	1	-	-
Pneumonia	12	4	3	7	3	-	-	2	3	-
Whooping Cough	30	9	4	1	2	3	1	-	-	1
Measles	5	373	12	350	162	296	61	257	180	130
Puerperal Pyrexia	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Paratyphoid	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Food Poisoning	1	7	-	5	-	-	3	-	2	-
Dysentery	61	10	22	19	6	-	4	-	35	10
Meningitis & Cerebro Spinal Fever	1	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Malaria	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Poliomyelitis Paralytic	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
" Non-Paralytic	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Typhoid	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Encephalitis Infective	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Encephalitis Post Infectious	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Anthrax	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
	117	421	53	386	179	306	75	263	226	143

Annual Report of the Chief Public Health Inspector
for the year ending 31st December 1967.

To the Chairman & Members
of the Council:

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I give below the number of houses in clearance areas, subject to demolition orders, or in respect of which undertakings have been accepted, which were occupied on 31st December, 1967.

	<u>No. of Houses</u>
<u>Earsdon Area</u>	
Chapel Houses	3
Backworth House	<u>1</u>
	4
<u>Cramlington Area</u>	
Whitehall Farm Cottage	1
Station Road	<u>3</u>
	4
<u>Seaton Delaval Area</u>	
Milbourne Terrace	9

87 condemned houses were emptied during the year. The following 72 condemned houses were demolished:-

Sandersons Terrace, Cramlington	18
Co-op Terrace, Seaton Delaval	8
Jubilee Terrace, Seaton Delaval	<u>46</u>
	72

There were standing at 31st December a total of 18 condemned houses.

Repair of Dwellings:

504 inspections of house property were made and 66 houses repaired as a result.

Discretionary Grants:

- During the year 6 applications were received for Discretionary Grants which were approved by the Council at an average grant of £297.
- Since the inception of the scheme 191 houses have been approved for grant.

Standard Grants:

	<u>During the year</u>	<u>Total to date</u>
1. Number of separate homes for which grants have been made:	15	159
2. Number of houses provided with:-		
(a) Bath or shower	13	135
(b) Washhand basin	13	140
(c) Hot water supply	13	130
(d) Water closet	15	122
(e) Foodstore	10	107

Rent Act 1957:

During the year, no applications for Certificates of Disrepair were received.

Drainage:

Drainage Inspected, Tested and Passed during 1967.

Old drains removed	12 feet
New 4" drain installed	6287 "
" 6" " "	988 "
New trapped gullies provided	183
New W.Cs provided	116
Inspection chambers provided	148
Baths provided	95
Sinks "	103
Lavatory basins provided	99

Clean Air Act 1956:

Offences against the provisions of this Act in the Cramlington Smoke Control Area have been dealt with informally and it has not been found necessary to bring any case before the Council.

Shale winning operations continued throughout the year as evidenced by the changing shapes of many spoilbanks in the Cramlington and Seaton Delaval areas. The intermittent dust nuisance caused by these operations has been kept to a minimum.

INFECTIOUS DISEASE

75 visits were made in connection with cases of infectious disease.

FOOD INSPECTION

64 visits were paid to food shops and the undermentioned foods condemned as unfit for human consumption:-

Shrimps	3 Tins	Sugar Puffs	1 Packet
Sultanas	23 lb.	Sponge Flan Mix	3 Packets
Peaches	25 Tins	Biscuits	7 Packets
Tomatoes	70 Tins	Brown Sugar	1 Packet
Peas	23 Tins	Pork Brawn	10 Tins
Pears	19 Tins	Raspberries	5 Tins
Carrots	7 Tins	Pineapples	13 Tins
Rice	4 Tins	Chicken Soup	4 Tins
Luncheon Meat	9 Tins	Tomato Soup	4 Tins
Stewed Steak	7 Tins	Scotch Broth	2 Tins
Grapefruit	10 Tins	Chopped Ham and Pork	2 Tins
Baked Beans	6 Tins	Beef Steaklets	1 Tin
Apple Dumpling	1 Tin	Brisling	1 Tin
Minced Pork	3 Tins	Marmalade	1 Jar
Lunch Tongues	2 Tins	Ox Tongue	1 Tin
Condensed Milk	3 Tins	Salmon	1 Tin
Evaporated Milk	18 Tins	Steak & Kidney Pudding	1 Tin
Mushroom Soup	3 Tins	Oranges	11 Tins
Kidney Soup	2 Tins	Grapefruit Juice	8 Tins
Fruit Cocktail	4 Tins	Tapioca	1 Tin
Corned Beef	14 Tins	Prunes	1 Tin
Ground Rice	4 Packets	Ice Lollies	70
Pilchards	1 Tin	Cream Cakes	4
Chopped Pork	5 Tins	Chickens	2
Kidneys	1 Tin	Yorkshire Puddings	20 Packets
Spaghetti	1 Tin	Chocolate Eclairs	3 Boxes
Whole Orange Drink	25 Tins	Plaice Fillets	6 Packets
Choc. Cake Mix	1 Packet	Beef Burgers	14 Packets
Currants	27 lb.	Birds Eye Mousse'	29 Packets
Butter	10½ lb.	Ice Cream	20 Packets
Margarine	6½ lb.	Steak and Kidney Pies	8 Packets
Cream Cheese	27 Packets	Potato Croquettes	5 Packets
Danish Blue Cheese	12 Packets	Mushroom Casseroles	2 Packets
Beetroot	1 Jar	Cod Steaks	6 Packets
Cognac Chocolates	3 Packets	Fish Fingers	18 Packets
Peanut Crisp	9 Packets	Fish Portions	32 Packets
Milk Chocolate	5 Bars	Fish Cakes	67 Packets

Chocolate Cream Bars	15 Bars	Faggots	1 Packet
Crystalized Ginger	1 Packet	Steaklets	9 Packets
Sliced Beef	3 Packets	$\frac{1}{4}$ Chickens	8 Packets
Potato Chips	3 lb.	Brussel Sprouts	11 Packets
Kippers	1 Packet	Frozen Cream	7 Packets
Sliced Beans	10 Packets	Frozen Peas	9 Packets
Frozen Pastry	4 Packets	Ready Dinners	5 Packets
Beef Ravioli	4 Packets		

Ice Cream:

There was, on the 31st December 1967, one premise where ice cream was made and sold, and 69 were registered for the sale of ice cream. The following samples were taken:-

Ministry of Health Provisional Grading				
No. of Samples	Grade I	II	III	IV
40	35	5	-	-

Milk:

21 samples taken were tested for Brucella Abortus. All proved negativ

Food Hygiene:

The following inspections were made during the year :-

Greengrocers	6	Canteens	31
Butchers Shops	33	Clubs and Pubs	36
Fried Fish Shops	9	Ice Cream Shops	45
Grocers	40	Food Inspection	53
Confectioners	10	Food Vans	107
Bakehouses	1	Chemists	6
General Dealers	56	Dairies	4
Preserved Food		Ice Cream Manufacturers	3
Premises	16		

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

(a) Registration and General Inspection:

Class of Premises	Number of Premises Registered during the year	Number of Premises Registered at end of year	Number of Premises Receiving a general inspection during the year
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
Offices	1	17	17
Retail Shops	10	92	92
Wholesale Shops	-	1	1
Warehouses			
Catering Establishments open to public, Canteens	-	15	15
Fuel Storage Depots	-	-	-
TOTALS:	11	125	125

Total number of visits of all kinds by Inspectors to registered premises under the Act - 171

(b) Contraventions	-	62
(c) Exemptions	-	NIL
(d) Prosecutions	-	NIL

(f) Reported Accidents

Workplace	Number Reported		Total Number Investigated	Action Recommended			
	Fatal	Non-Fatal		Prosecution	Formal Warning	Informal Advice	No Action
Offices	-	1	1	-	-	1	-
Retail Shops	-	1	1	-	-	1	-
Wholesale Shops							
Warehouses	-	1	1	-	-	1	-
Catering Establishments open to the public, canteens	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fuel Storage Depots	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS:	-	3	3	-	-	3	-

FACTORIES ACT, 1961

	No. on Register	Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4, & 6, are enforced by the Council:	2	3	-	-
Factories not included in above where section 7 is enforced by the Council:	46	85	10	-
Other premises in which section 7 is enforced by the Council:	-	-	-	-
	48	88	10	-

Cases in which defects were found.

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S.2)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)					
(a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	18	18	-	2	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences (not including offences relating to outworkers)	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS:	18	18	-	2	-

PETROLEUM ACTS AND REGULATIONS

	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967
No. of licences issued to store petroleum spirit:	19	18	18	21	21	21
No. of licences issued to store calcium carbide:	1	-	-	-	-	-
No. of inspections made of above stores:	31	19	31	23	27	41

RODENT CONTROL

245 treatments for rat infestation and 42 for mice were made during the year. As in the past, no charge was levied for treatments to dwelling houses.

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

In 1967 your fleet of refuse vehicles was as under:

<u>Registration No.</u>	<u>Date of Registration</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Fleet No.</u>
GTY 51 D	1.2.66.	50 cub.yds. Paxit	2
NJR 316 F	1.11.67.	" " " "	3
CTY 815 B	14.10.64.	35 " " "	4
DJR 780	24.6.50.	10 cub.yds. Side Loader	7 (to 31.12.67)
ETY 128	9.3.51.	" " " " "	8
JTY 951	1.11.55.	" " " " "	10

Your cleansing staff comprised:-

1 Foreman	5 Drivers	1 Tipman
1 Mechanic	20 Binlifters	1 Salvage man

The introduction of the third compression type vehicle allowed the number of binlifters to be reduced to 18 without any apparent loss in the efficiency of the service.

The number of working days lost during the year was as under:

Month	Working Days	Man/working Days	Days lost
January	21	630	32
February	20	600	4
March	21	630	18
April	20	600	18
May	22	660	23
June	21	630	52
July	21	630	123
August	22	660	139
September	21	630	76
October	22	638	71
November	22	638	83
December	20	580	87
	253	7526	726

The number of working days lost in 1967 was 330 owing to illness and undefined absence and 396 owing to holidays.

Tipping still takes place at East Cramlington and Hartford but has been discontinued at Low Steads until a new access can be provided.

The provision of a pulverising plant was considered by the Council but was not proceeded with because of the Country's economic situation.

The approximate tonnage of refuse collected is shown below:

Month	Tons
January	871
February	791
March	918
April	820
May	927
June	891
July	789
August	864
September	825
October	913
November	926
December	909
TOTAL:	10444

STATISTICS

Population: 28,410

No. of houses with bins	-	9,047
" " " " privy boxes	-	3
" " " " pail closets	-	8
" " " " paper sack holders	-	825

Operation Statistics

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|---|---|-----------------|
| 1 | Total Refuse Collected | 10,444 tons |
| 2 | Weight (cwts.) per 1000 population per day | 20.13 cwts. |
| 3 | Number of premises from which refuse is collected | 10,366 premises |
| 4 | Premises from which collection is made at least once weekly | 100% |
| 5 | Average haul single journey | 3 miles |
| 6 | Kerbside collection expressed as estimated percentage | NIL |
| 7 | Total refuse disposed of | 10,444 tons |
| 8 | Methods of disposal
Controlled tipping | 100% |
| 9 | Salvage analysis of income | |

	<u>Income</u> £	<u>Tons</u>
Scrap Metal	-	-
Waste Paper	1,113	111
Other Salvage	187	13
	<u>1,300</u>	<u>124</u>

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|----|--------------|-----|
| 10 | Trade Refuse | |
| | Income | NIL |
| | Tonnage | NIL |

Conclusion:

I would like to thank the Chairman and Members of the Council, Dr. Hay and the staff of the Health Department, for their support and advice during the year.

Your obedient Servant,

R. SIMPSON

Chief Public Health Inspector.

